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Title : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
: PROCESSING EXTREMELY SMALL  
: SUBSTANCE QUANTITIES

Dated: January 18, 2006

**CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated September 27, 2005 from December 27, 2005 to January 27, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$60.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

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